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Report of Italy

Summary**

In Italy, the main activities for the standardization of geographical names are carried out by the Italian Geographic Military Institute, as the body in charge of compiling, updating and publishing the official map of Italy, in cooperation with other national public institutions and academic organizations.

These activities can be summarized as follows:

- Updating the national toponymic database and implementing a new one
- Cooperation with the secretariat of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names for the implementation of the United Nations database on cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants and the related audio file
- Organization of the international scientific symposium on the theme "Place names as intangible cultural heritage"
- Creation of a new toponymic website of the Italian Geographic Military Institute with content related to Italian official place names and the activities of the Romano-Hellenic division of the Expert Group
- Establishment of the Commission for Italian Official Toponymy at the Italian Geographic Military Institute

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